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**APPLICANT:** Bradbury et al. **GROUP:** Unknown  
**SERIAL NO:** Unknown **EXAMINER:** Unknown  
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**FOR:** METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION OF NUCLEIC ACID AND  
POLYPEPTIDE LIBRARIES AND USES THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 48. (Amended) A nucleic acid library made according to the method[s] of [claims 1 to 43]  
2 claim 1.
- 1 68. (Amended) The nucleic acid library of claim 64[-67], wherein a pair of recombinase  
2 recognition sites flank the nucleic acid encoding a first polypeptide and pair of recombinase  
3 recognition sites comprise a first recombinase recognition site and a different second recombinase  
4 recognition site.

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